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NEW CHILD BILL IS INTRODUCED

Senator Brookhart Would
Replace Juvenile With
Parental Court.

PENSION FOR MOTHERS

Measure Seeks Divorcement From
Criminal Law of Children
Under 18 Years.

Changing in important respects the law and the method of dealing with dependent and delinquent children in the District, a bill was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Brookhart of Iowa. It is understood that an identical bill will be offered in the House by Representative Free of California.

The Brookhart bill defines the legal status of all children under eighteen years of age in the District; creates a parental court, which will take the place of the Juvenile Court, and provides for a pension to mothers with dependent children.

Bill Explained.
In a statement issued by Senator Brookhart, explaining the bill, the Iowa senator says in part:
"With the growing law violations by the youth of the land, we need somewhere the establishment of a system of child control and mothers' assistance that will be a model in statute provisions and in actual work. It is my belief that Washington, therefore, should inaugurate and put into force this plan for a parental court."

"Courts of punishment were never intended to save the individual out to protect society from the criminal. Therefore in my bill we propose first to lift children from adult measurement in law, make them infants in criminal law. Now, they are infants in civil law."

With the divorcement of all children under eighteen years of age from criminal law, this necessitates the establishment of a judicial department of a very high order, which for the moral education, the detention and the care of children, must exercise equity justice in their cases.

"This, then, is embodied in a parental court of the District of Columbia."

Aims Sought.
"Being of a parental nature, this court only steps in to assume any control of a child after the two other parental agencies—the home, the school, and the parent—have failed."

"To these two institutions the parental court offers assistance for such children as are disobedient to law and authority, or are in distress because of the acts of others."

"Under the parental plan, no child is arrested, never a criminal complaint can obtain against a child, but the matter is wholly one of right and proper custody. Thus, there can never be a record against a child under eighteen years of age."

Protection to Parents.
"The measure offers every protection to parents in the permission of petitions and appeals and continued hearings, the whole bent being to keep children in the home under control of parents and in school under normal conditions. In the child's relief allowance, we have but approached the mother's pension idea from a more dignified angle. Instead of a sort of charity given the mother by some organized agency, we dignify the home and make an appeal to the child by stating that all children under certain conditions are entitled to a child relief allowance. The child in plenty today may, because of circumstances, be in need tomorrow. In this event it is a wonderful thing for a child to know that his government comes to his relief and that he has a right to assistance because of his condition, which adults have brought about."

"With the unit the child, then the mother is designated as the proper person to expend this allowance and to provide a home for her children."

Pension Measure.
"The ordinary mothers' pension centers all about the mother, and subjects her to delays, to legal investigation, to a prying into all her domestic and friendly relations, to the prosecution of her husband if perchance he is able and has not contributed to the support of herself and children. And all the while the children are in need of food and shelter, and pending investigation of the mother the child has been taken away and placed in other homes for board, where those assuming custody for this purpose are not investigated relative to their moral and domestic and friendly relations."

Reference to Committee.
The Brookhart bill was referred to the Senate District committee, which already has before it the Calder and Pomeroy bill providing for assistance to mothers with dependent children in the District of Columbia. The committee is expected to refer the Brookhart bill to the District Commissioner for report and recommendations. The committee made it clear at a recent meeting that it would not undertake to legislate on child relief until it has received the report of the Commissioners.

Under the provisions of the Brookhart bill the parental court would have one judge, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, serving for a term of six years. The salary of the judge would be \$6,000 a year. The court officers would be appointed by the judge, and would include a clerk at \$2,000, a chief parental guardian at \$3,500, a deputy

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TEACHERS' SALARY BILL HITS SNAG IN THE HOUSE

One of Three D. C. Measures to Be
Blocked Today From Unanimous
Consent Calendar.

The bill to increase salaries of teachers and school officials and to reorganize the educational system of the District was one of three District bills which fell by the wayside today when reached on the unanimous consent calendar by the House. Representative Sanders of Indiana, the other two bills were the Millsbaugh measure to regulate the sale of milk, cream and milk products in the District and the Gilbert bill for the prevention of social diseases.

Extensive hearings were held before a special committee headed by Representative Lampert of Wisconsin on the milk bill as recommended by the District health officer, who insisted upon a tubercular test of all herds from which milk came into the District. Representative Sanders said that, in his opinion, these pieces of District legislation had no place on the unanimous consent calendar, and should not be given unanimous consent, because the District has a calendar of its own, with a regularly assigned day for considering District legislation.

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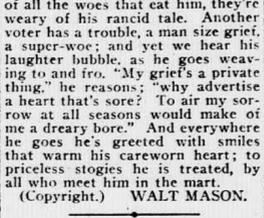
Minnesota Collapses in a Fit of
Dizziness.

Representative Halvor Steuerson of Minnesota, a veteran member of the House and chairman of the post office committee, collapsed in a fit of dizziness in the House this afternoon. He was escorted to the lounge room in the speaker's lobby, where he was attended by Representative Summers of Washington, who is a doctor.

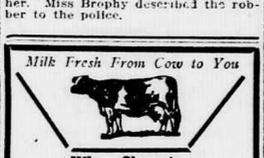
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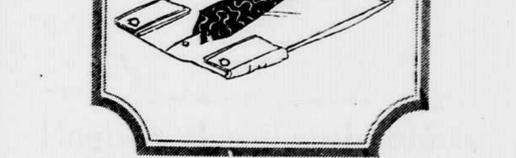
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